

Conference

One year on: assessing the situation in the EU for Ukrainian women displaced by war

24 February 2023

Theatre - Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole (Fiesole, Florence)

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Introduction

One year after the outbreak of full-scale war in Ukraine, this conference assesses the situation of displaced Ukrainian women in the EU, discusses the opportunities and challenges they face and monitors changes in individual strategies and future plans. Russia's attack on Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has caused a significant change in Europe's migration situation. The scale of migration from Ukraine is on a scale not seen in Europe since World War II. The current situation is also unique because of its gender dimension, almost 90% of those fleeing the war in Ukraine are women and children. And while Ukrainian women abroad daily demonstrate their resourcefulness by combining several roles simultaneously, such as professional work, caring for children and the elderly, volunteering and social activism, they also face many challenges including family separation, the lack of a circle of support in a new country, psychological trauma, a difficult economic situation, a frequent lack of language skills and a lack of vision for the future. All contribute to vulnerability and can make these women easy victims of exploitation, human trafficking, and gender-based violence. The event will also review the extent to which EU policies respond to the needs of migrant women and what can be changed in this regard.

Programme

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9.30 - 10.00 Opening

Andrew Geddes | Director of the Migration Policy Centre, EUI

Erik Jones | Director of the RSCAS, EUI

Oksana Politaichuk | Honorary Consulate of Ukraine in Florence

10.00 - 10.30 Keynote lecture

Women power. Issues of gender equality through the lens of war

Inna Stepanets | Vice-Rector (social issues), Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break – Anti-theatre

10.45 - 12.00 **Security and safety**

Chair: **Laura Cleton** | UNU-Merit, Maastricht University

Between empowerment and vulnerability: why do we need gender sensitive policies?

Iuliia Lashchuk | Migration Policy Centre, EUI

Trends and variations in compliance of EU Member States with the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) for Ukrainian refugees: first results from the Ukraine Refugee Policy Tracker

Henriet Baas | EUI

What can happen next? Scenarios following the end of the temporary protection regime in the EU

Meltem Ineli Ciger | Migration Policy Centre, EUI

Ukraine's population future after the Russian Invasion – The role of migration for demographic change

Philipp Ueffing | JRC

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch – Sala Rossa

13.00 - 14.15 **Integration, inclusion and attitudes towards the Other**

Chair: **Mariya Shcherbina** | Politecnico di Torino and V. Dahl East Ukrainian National University

Contemporary attitudes toward Ukrainian refugees: are there gender differences?

Lenka Dražanová | Migration Policy Centre, EUI

Guests, co-citizens, refugees: Ukraine's perspective on the forced emigration after the Russian aggression

Marta Jaroszewicz | CMR, University of Warsaw

Ukrainian refugees in European cultural practices

Marina Keda | Migration Policy Centre, EUI

Invisible networks: why is it important to speak about political mobilisation of ukrainian labour migrants?

Olena Fedyuk | University of Padua

- 14.15 - 14.30 Coffee break- Anti-theatre
- 14.30 - 15.45 **Brain drain or brain gain? Highly skilled Ukrainian refugees in the EU**
- Chair: **Paweł Kaczmarczyk** | CMR, University of Warsaw
- Academics for academics: Ukrainians across the Atlantic
Iryna Vushko | Princeton University
- The Ukrainian scholars-war refugees as recipients of the international emergency scholarship: narratives, concerns and hopes for (no)return to Ukraine
Iryna Sikorska | Mariupol State University and Freie University, Berlin
- “For me it is another research trip”: Women Academics in Conditions of Forced Migration During the Russian-Ukrainian War
Yuliia Kiselyova and **Victoriia Ivashchenko** | V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
- 15.45 - 16.30 **Conclusion and closing remarks**
- 16.30 - 17.00 Cocktail – Sala Buonsanti